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 CALENDAR (Be sure to read the district news for the specific times, places and activities.)

Dec.

1 Memorial Hall Lakeview 1E  
 1 Roxy Ann Grange Medford 4  
 2 VFW Redmond 3  
 2 Elks Lodge Sweet Home 6  
 2 Senior Center Gresham 7  
 2 Senior Center Burns 9  
 16 Crow Grange Crow 6  
 16 Senior Center McMinnville 8

Jan. 2002

5 Memorial Hall Lakeview 1E  
 5 Grange Hall Eagle Point 4  
 6 Senior Center Burns 9  
 12 Willamalane Springfield 6/OOTFA  
 13 Adult Community Center Gladstone 7  
 20 Community Center Woodburn 8

Feb.

2 Fruitdale Grange Grants Pass 4  
 17 Senior Center McMinnville 8

March

2 Community Center Rogue River 4  
 14-15-16 State Convention Roseburg  
 April 25-26-27 Newport Fiddle Festival Newport  
 May 17-19 State Contest

District 1

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Dec. 2, First Sunday jam - meeting and potluck, music afterward. Doors open at 12 noon. Villa West Rec Hall, 2241 Greensprings Dr., Klamath Falls.

Dec. 9, Second Sunday Jam at 3328 Vandenberg Rd. Klamath Falls. Turn East off Alameda Bi-pass onto Eberlein Ave. Take and immediate left turn onto Vandenberg Rd, go North up the hill to first building on the left. Parking is in front, side and lower level parking lots. Ladies, please bring finger foods, also we can always us donations of small articles for our raffle drawings. Thank you.

Nursing homes: 4th Thursday - Clairmont at east end of Main St. K. Falls at 1 PM, then at 2:15 PM we play at Clairmont Retirement Home, one block above and back of the nursing home. We play for one hour at each place on the same day.

Greetings to all from Dist 1, where we are proud to announce that we finally have wet ground, mud to be exact, lots of it! No snow yet, but we're blessed with whatever we get! Our playing dates have come to a screeching halt all of a sudden, now, I recon' we could start getting together at each others places to learn new songs, and visit?!

We played at the Shilo Inn 10/20 for the Lions Club supper, it was nice, and they enjoyed our music, then all herded up at Denny's to eat and joke around!

At our jam we had a bigger crowd than usual, which make for lots more fun and good music, Howard from Mt. Shasta was there, Lew Wells daughter & son-in-law visited us also, Art & Violet Lane spent a couple days here at Fay & Isom's on their way home from Death Valley, and probably others too, but we couldn't

Our Christmas ( holiday ) party will take the place of our Dec. meeting on the 2nd. Would have been nice to have it later in the month so folks from other districts could have attended!

Hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your loved ones, near & far, and the Christmas season will bring many warm blessings to each & every one of us and our loved ones, and to everyone who is under the weather, like our Sandy Sandusky and Lew Standiford, so they can be kicking up their heels again, SOON!!! We miss you two, and our prayers are for your recovery, as for everyone else's, everywhere.

December Happy Birthdays are for Sarah Furrey 8th, and Irene Ruddock 10th. Happy Anniversary to Jerry and Irene Ruddock!

That's all from Dist 1, hope everyone enjoys their holidays, and shares some good music with their friends!  
Your Dist. 1 reporter, Sherry O

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#### District 1E

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November 3 Jam -- all in attendance had a good time. Nov. 12th was the business meeting at the Indian Village. Plaques for past year were presented.

Nov. 10 1E played at the Christmas Valley Library Fund raiser dinner. Thanks to all who attended and played and sang. Julia Milleson from District 9 helped, too.

Good to see Bob Elliott and Ruth Grant out.

Dec. 1 will be a jam and potluck. Dec. 10 Business meeting at Indian Village. Dec. 15 Christmas party at Terry and Sharilyn McLain's home. 1011 South J St. in Lakeview. Bring finger food. Starts at 6:30 p.m. Sharilyn says, "don't forget your instruments and voices."

Several have been playing every other Tuesday at the Long Term Care facilities. The elderly sang along and enjoyed the songs that were played.

Jan. 5 monthly jam -- Jan. 14 -- business meeting.

Winter is getting here. Cool days and cool nights. Most of the trees are bare. Dark comes too early.

Your dues are due. \$15 for the family. Where could you get that much entertainment for that price?

Hope to see you all next time. Keep warm and dry so you can play and sing.

Several are still sick. Lee Hampton is now home from the Medford area. Continue to improve and will see you soon.

Myrle Shepard, Reporter District 1E

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#### District 3

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Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving!

Jack Dorfler (a fiddle player) and Carol his wife joined District 3# in October.

Great to see Don Stalter (a twelve string guitar player) and his wife Jean Anderson who recently moved from Washington. Don played backup on stage with us and did a great job! Hope to see him back at the next show.

John Trombatore (a guitar and Bass player) sang and played on stage with us at our November VFW show. He also did a great job. We hope John and his wife becomes members of the OOTFA.

District #3 OOTFA received a Thank You Certificate from the POW/MIA Monument Committee for playing at the Ochoco Park in Prineville.

December 8th is our Christmas Potluck party at the Pine Forrest Grange Hall on Boyd Acres Rd. in Bend. It will start at noon and end at midnight!!!! All members and their families are encouraged to attend. Bring your tableware and instruments. Lets get into the Christmas mood!!! Play music and have fun!!!!!!

Betty Trombatore, wife of our visitor John Trombatore wrote an article for the Bulletin Paper in Bend about OOTFA District #3. I would like to share this article with OOTFA.

"Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association plucks the heart strings in Redmond. Don Hanna is at the microphone now. "...songs 50 years or older," he says as the musicians glide into When My Blue Moon Turns to Gold. About 15 to 20 couples dance around and across the Parquet floor of the Redmond VFW Hall. One older couple slides by, lithe and confident. His arm supporting her back, he steps easily as she relaxes into his careful moves each depending on the other just as they have for all the years of their marriage.

The Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association in Central Oregon has 80 member families. It is one of ten such associations in the state. By the spring of 1980, The Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association had enough members to establish its own district, District 3. Bob Ervin is its current Chairman and Hanna is Vice-Chair. The cost for the whole family is only \$15 per year. Only non-amplified instruments are allowed. Stringed instruments of any kind are permitted, such as mandolins, guitars, and fiddles. While harmonicas are allowed, horns are not.

As a hundred or more sit and watch the dancers, old and young, the band leads into Waltz Across Texas. A half a dozen young women in jeans and tennis shoes dance around the floor. It is as if the heart and ears crave the strains of music from a simpler time, the steady easy to understand lyrics, the music from the bass fiddle to the piano, the guitars and fiddles and the sweetness of the husky vocal chords.

One of the youngest members of the association is 13-year-old Cody Doolan. He loves to play music, he says. He loves playing with the older members of the association. He plays the fiddle, and the banjo. An eighth grader at High Desert Middle School he's active in 4-H, skis, and plays roller hockey on his school team. It's a great learning experience, he says about the picking and fiddling.

Ervin and Hanna both agree. Old time fiddling is disappearing. That's why they have a scholarship program for any interested young person who would like to continue the history and tradition of old time music. They have high hopes for Cody with his enthusiasm, good looks and love of music, old time music that is.

The purpose of the association is to preserve old time music or songs that are fifty years or older. That's the music that's part of America's history. It came out here with our forefathers with the wagon trains, Hanna and Ervin insist. Both men participate on stage at the monthly meeting and performance of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association. They both practice every day at home. We like it, Hanna says. It's like preserving anything that is part of history. Old time music is beautiful and complete and has a style all of its own, just like a well-built old building. I love this kind of music, Carole Urell says. I come here every month, she says as I'll Fly Away starts up.

Members and performers Ellen and Dennis Jakab found the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association by accident. I couldn't believe it, says Dennis. They were playing the kind of music that we like. Being able to play with others and to play on stage helps beginning musicians get over their stage fright. It encourages practice and maintains the importance of older music.

The dance floor at the Redmond VFW is large and subtly lighted. It has a smooth comfortable surface. The stage is set back into a far corner of the room. Tables are set up for those who want to eat the food provided at a small charge by members of the VFW. As you enter a donation is requested by Old Time Fiddlers Association. They are able to, narrowly, pay for the cost of the hall by the generosity of the audience.

The Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association performs the first Sunday of the month from 1:30 to 4:00 PM at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, Sisters Ave., Redmond."

Ellen Jakab Reporter District #3

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District 4

Chairman: Bob Dow 541-862-2060

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Sec/Treas: Lola Williams 541-560-3230

Membership: Marie Mickev541-512-9345

Mar 2 Rogue River Community Center.

At our Rogue River monthly jam we had a huge thanksgiving feast. Many thanks to Judy L. and Joan who prepared the turkey and ham, and to all the members who brought such great "fixin's." It was a beautiful day, with a big crowd that hardly fit around the area. Many dancers filled up the rest of the space, but still room for all the good musicians! Visitors included: Janet Brayman, Burns, hammered dulcimer (she got lots of attention for the instrument and her great rendition of Clarinet Polka), and Ernie Penry, Irene and Jerry Ruddock, from Klamath Falls sharing their good music. It was good to see Arnold Jorgenson back and dancing again. He'd been missed!

Our inventory of equipment is almost done. We voted to hire George Dow and Dwight Davis as our sound experts. Many thanx go to Sam Stelle who has helped in the past bringing his own sound system and getting it set up.

Gene Williams was presented a well-deserved recognition award for his years of dedicated service to the district, including being chairman the last 2 years. No speech, he declined!

Our community service totaled 175 hours in October ! That's hours played times number of players who volunteer at our "gigs". Lots of music, huh?

Norm Fiock sent thanx for our participation in the balloon fair, and for the sympathy remembrance for May. Next balloon fair will be the 3rd week in September 2002, so mark your calendars. Folks there liked the "folksy music".

We also received a thanks from Grant's Pass parks for our playing for the pedestrian bridge opening. They noted the group was "wonderful!" Also a "Huge thanks" from Spring Village and Spring Point in GP. They stated that the residents love it, it "touches their hearts."

A fine old fiddler, Hjalmer Edwards died this month. He had a great way with the old dance tunes, and I personally enjoy and play his great addition to "Rubber Dolly." Our sympathies to his wife Irene and family. Mildred Kelsey fell and hurt herself, but is doing better. Bob Dow, our chairman, has been very ill. He was transported to the medical center in Portland. After his doctors called all over the United States trying to find how to deal with his rare condition, he is now waiting while extensive surgery is postponed. Our prayers are with you, Bob.

New members include Robert & Linda Harris (A) Cave Junction, Gary and Joyce Spangler (A) GP, and Ella Cross (A) Jacksonville.

Dues are due if you want your name in roster and if you don't want to miss any of your Hoedowners.

Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces us, snow is exhilarating; there is no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather.

Judy McGarvey, Reporter District 4

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#### District 5

Chairman: Charlie Miller 541-396-4302

Co-Chair: Larry Gallagher 541-572-2742

Secretary: Clirca Miller 541-396-4302

Treasurer: Sharon Gallagher 541-572-2742

What a great time at the district jam on the 17th and what a lot to eat! We had a really good attendance and it looked like everyone was enjoying the music as much as I did. We even had some come over from district 10. Louis Roy was there along with Guy Kinman, Tom Shepherd, Bob & Jean Hanson, Paul Lakey, Jo Barnes and Chuck & Marge Hasty . Thank you all for coming you're always welcome. You all helped to make a good jam even better! Also visiting were our grandchildren Scott, Caleb and Ryan. They loved the food and loved it when Bill Tennant sang Tennessee Birdwalk. Thanks Bill.

Thanks to those who played at the Mapleton grange on the 26th of October, also, those who played at the Florence Elks on the 4th for the Eastern Stars anniversary celebration. Some of you came a long way to play at the Pickle Barrel in Mapleton on the 18th, thank you all. We also thank all of you who have been so faithfully playing for the nursing and retirement homes, Senior Centers, etc. Those folks really love you for helping to bring them back to happier times through your wonderful music.

The nursing home schedule for December is : December 5th, Ocean View 1-2:30 p.m. & Heritage main lobby from 3-4 p.m. December 12th, Coquille Nutrition Center 10:45-11:25 a.m. & Ocean Crest 1:30-2:30 p.m. December 14th, at St. Catherine's 1:30 -3 p.m. December 19th, at Oerding Manor 1-2 p.m. & Myrtle Point care center 2:45- 3:45. December 26th. Inland Point 11-12 p.m. & Life Care 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Put December 15th 11:30-4:00 on your calendars for another day of fun and fiddlin. There will be a short meeting followed by the jam. We are asked to bring finger foods for this Christmas jam. Hope to see all of you there.

We have some new members!! Cynthia Leaf (271-9632) from Gardenia was at our November jam and played some very nice music -- she also accompanied David Brokaw another recent member, to a couple of fine tunes. Jack and Julie Longnecker (888-3824) who recently joined OOTFA were there as well and we were thrilled to hear Jack play his bass. Also Hal & Karen Wener (902-2336) are in the process of moving to the Florence area from Eugene and we have enjoyed jamming with him and his banjo. Welcome all of you!

A change of address for Oren & Barbara Pruitt, 87840 Bills Creek Ln.

There are bound to be all kinds of opportunities to play for Christmas programs etc. so keep in touch with Clirca for Bay Area opportunities and in Florence, Ken Jordan will keep you up to date.

Birthdays for the month of December are: Keith Shaffar the 10th, Little Loren Osborn the 11th, Bill Tennant 23rd and Liza Osekowsky the 26th. Happy, happy birthday to all of you.

Happy Anniversary to Bob & Jerene Shaffar the 17th, Charlie & Clirca Miller the 20th, Del & Clara Thomas the 22nd and Bill & Margie Wilkinson the 27th.

Have a wonderful Christmas season everyone.

Till next time, Kathy Nash, Reporter

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#### District 6

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The Thanksgiving jam was held Saturday, November 3 at the Irvington Grange. We had a respectable turnout of about 40 people, including Dennis and Thelma Allen from District 10. At the business meeting, Chairman Mark Ratzlaff reminded members that elections were coming up in February. He said present board members had indicated a willingness to serve for another year, but that he, Mark, did not intend to submit his name for renomination.

The next event on the District Six schedule is the jam at the Sweet Home Elks Lodge on Sunday, December 2. The Elks will serve a meal, as usual. The jam will start at about 10:30 a.m. and continue until three or four. If you haven't been there before, the Elks Lodge is easy to find. Take the exit off I-5 to Lebanon -- go through Lebanon towards Sweet Home. Just as you see the "Entering Sweet Home" sign, in about a hundred feet turn right on to "Osage St." If you turn sharp, it is rather steep so you might want to turn up in the middle of the street. You'll see what I mean when you get there. When you make the turn on to Osage, you'll see the Elk's Lodge a block up the hill.

There will be a jam and potluck at Crow Grange on Sunday, December 16. The potluck will be at noon.

The quarterly State meeting will be held at the Willamalane Senior Center in Springfield on Saturday, January 12. The meeting will be at 10:00 a.m., and potluck at noon. A jam will follow.

The jam at Morning Star Grange on Oct. 21 was its usual big success. We look forward to another soon, Harv!

As noted above, John Madsen has agreed to take on the sound system again, though on a more limited basis than in the past. Many thanks, John! The District, however, is still looking for someone to take over John's duties. Some remuneration is involved.

District 6 is downsizing its sound system and has for sale a Peavey 6-channel amp, a Peavey 4-channel amp, and 3 Polaris main speakers withstands. See Mark Ratzlaff if interested in purchasing any or all.

Allison Roberts is taking donations for her purchase of Christmas gifts for the folks in the nursing homes where the fiddlers play.

Don't forget: membership renewals are coming due for the next year. Send renewal checks (\$15) to Betty Hawkins.

Best wishes go out to Bernie Roberts, who is suffering back problems.

Birthday greetings to: Thelma Salley 12/1: Mark Carmickle 12/6: Wayne Tracey 12/8: Rick Dobson

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District 7

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December Jam: Sunday, December 2nd, at the Gresham Senior Center -- January Jam: Sunday, January 13th in the Gladstone Adult Community Center.

Our January Jam will find us at the Gladstone Senior Center at 1050 Portland Ave. Your directions from 1-205 (exit 9) McLoughlin Blvd. Right on Arlington, left on Portland Ave. The senior center will be on the left side about 5 to 6 blocks up. Hope to have an excellent turnout! You'll find this event located in the A&E section of the Oregonian so come early for a chair. Remember last year???

Our Holiday Jam and Potluck will be on December 2nd at the Gresham Senior Center. Remember that you can look into these events on the web, if you or your library has access. This year, last names N-Z... a hot dish or dessert, and A-M... a cold dish or appetizers and join us at 50 Elliott St. From 1-205, take Hwy. 26 (Powell Blvd.) to Gresham. Make a left on Elliott St. The Center is on the right at the corner. The center will be available to us at about 10:40 so that we'll be ready to eat promptly at noon. The district will furnish the turkey, mashed potatoes and stuffing.

We will be offering \$50./mo to our fine sound system transporter/setup person to help defray the expense incurred in this district position, which we very much appreciate!

We need ideas for a memorial item as a reminder of Jack Smith. This item needs to be symbolic of Jack's unique qualities. Please share your idea with John Hakanson at 503.659.7250 or [johnhakanson@aol.com](mailto:johnhakanson@aol.com).

Upcoming: Our long term calendar is still pretty clear from now through the holidays, so we may need to roll up our musical sleeves and warm up our tunes come January!

Keep giving thanks and being thankful for the joy that manages to shine through the dark.  
Your reporter, Pat Gates

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District 8

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A hardy bunch of musicians arrived at the Antique Powerland Museum in Brooks (just north of Salem) on a cold, rainy day on Oct. 28th. We played inside a large barn like building, but it was still cold. Judy McGarvey from district 4, and Joan Lomax from district 6 joined us. Cold or not, we played some hot, toe tapping music for the folks at this fund raising flea market.

The "Wells Fargo Band" played at the Wells Fargo Bank in Dallas November 2nd. This small group, made up of district 7 & 8 members, has now played at 9 different Wells Fargo locations. We are well paid for these gigs, with the proceeds going to the OOTFA contest fund.

It's good to have Fred and Charlotte Hardin back from their travels to Oklahoma. E-mail from Les and Peg Tucker says they are on the road, playing music and visiting family. Others have or will soon be leaving for "the south."

We are so thankful that Loita Colebank is recovering well from her emergency heart by-pass surgery. And Rose Boaz is back on her feet with a little help from a cane. Just proves: You can't keep good women down!

Congratulations to Johnny Leigh and Elaine Khilstadius on their recent marriage. Good to hear Johnny's spirited accordion playing again.

The November 18th Thanksgiving potluck was well attended. There was an abundance of yummy salads, vegetables and desserts to go with the turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy, and ham prepared by other

Linda Easley joined us for our jam on Nov. 18. Not only did she entertain us with her music and charm, she exceeded a portion of the program. Good job, Linda. You're always welcome. That goes for all of you who weren't there. Join us next time!

Our next jam will be Sunday, December 16 at the McMinnville Senior Center. We'll have another great holiday meal. Turkey, Ham, Dressing, Potatoes and Gravy will be prepared by the district. If your name starts with A through L, we suggest you bring Dessert. M through Z, bring Salad or Vegetable. The building will open by 10 AM. Potluck at noon. Program from 1 to 4 PM. Here's how to get there: If you are traveling through McMinnville going north on the main highway -- after you have gone through the business district and start to go out of town, there will be a McDonald's on the left (north side of the highway), right there you turn right (south) on to McDaniel St. and the Senior Center is a couple of blocks on the left. (east) Of course if you are coming in from the NE on 99W, turn left at the McDonalds.

Lew and Jean Standiford, former members of our district now of Klamath Falls, sent a donation to District 8 in memory of Donna Oldham. We miss them both and want to wish Lew well and hope he's feeling better soon.

A warm welcome to new members Jim and Jo Hockenhill and to LuAnn Ritts. Jim plays fiddle, and other instruments. Luann play guitar and sings. All three attended the jam at Willamina and treated us with their music.

If you haven't paid your dues for 2002 yet. DO IT NOW! Chris Lang is our membership person for District 8. She will gladly take your money. We don't want to have to drop you from the Hoedowner mailing list, but if you haven't renewed, that's what happens.

Y'all have a blessed holiday season, and keep music in your heart, even when you're not playing it!  
Alice Holt, reporter

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#### District 9

Chairman: George Sahlberg 541-573-6517

Co-Chairman: Don Williams 541-573-6198

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Rose Modey-Johnson 541-573-6237

December 2 Jam Burns Senior Center -- January 6 Jam Burns Senior Center

Happy Holidays!

Hope you've got all your Christmas Carols polished up as we move into the holiday season. The folks we play for at the retirement homes will be looking forward to some rousing sing-a-longs.

The turkey, ham and trimmings are all set for the Dinner at the Senior Center in Burns on December 2. Bring along salads and deserts to complement the meal. Dinner is at 1 p.m. with music from 2 - 4 p. m. We need a good turnout of musicians as several of the regulars will have to leave early to perform with the Chamber Music Society.

Thanks to everyone who turned out for the Aspens and Ashley Manor in November. The music was much appreciated and the residents were happy to see everyone. In December the dates are the 14th for the Aspens at 7 p.m. and the 17th for Ashley Manor at 6:30 p.m.

The jams in John Day are on vacation until further notice. My apologies to anyone who made a trip and found the doors locked. I understand in October the Burns musicians found the John Day musicians and had a jam anyway.

Julia Milleson traveled to Christmas Valley in November and Janet Braymen attended the District 4 jam. Thanks to District 1E and District 4 for their hospitality. Good times were had.

See you next year.

Janet Braymen, Reporter

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#### District 10

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Treas: Gynn Deaton (541) 839-4501

Secretary: Flo Sangsland (541) 863 6864

November finds District 10 again playing at the Nursing Home, Senior Centers and the Assisted Living Homes. At our regular meeting in November it was decided to have our annual Christmas Party at our regular meeting on December 8. We cordially invite all our members and their family and also members from other Districts to visit us and enjoy a wonderful dinner starting at noon sharp. Jo Barnes is in charge of all arrangements. District 10 will furnish the Turkey, Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Dressing, Rolls and Butter and Cranberry Sauce. Members are asked to bring Salads, Veggie Dishes and Desserts, but for more on what to bring please call Jo Barnes at 459 4522 so we will have a variety of goodies to balance out our dinner. We will also be jamming and dancing from 1 PM until 4 PM.

At our November meeting we had a large group of members from District # 5 including their Chairman Charlie Miller and his wife Clirca, also Del and Clara Thomas and Ned and Val Matthews, also attending were Richard and Gwen Stokes from Rock Creek, Dale Glover from Elkton and Norman and Goldie Colton from Umpqua. Norman and Goldie Colton joined District 10 before leaving. Larry Johnson, one of our excellent fiddlers, was rushed to the hospital for emergency surgery for acute ruptured appendix. We were informed that he is recovering rapidly and will soon be up and playing again.

I never had the info to list the birthdays and anniversaries for November in the last issue so will include them in this report. Birthdays for November were Ceclia Jalo, Fred Young, John Whaley and Clem Berlier. Anniversaries for November were Dick and Leah Shroll, Bob and Jean Hanson and Dave and Lavonne Knapp. Birthdays for December are Peggy Krohn, Velma Benefiel, Mary Ann Tarvers and Lavonne Knapp. Anniversaries for December are Dennis and Thelma Allen and Tracy and Ellen Smith.  
Louie Roy, Reporter

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SALLY SEZ: Greetings from the Oregon Coast. I hope all of you have been as busy playing and enjoying music as much as we have over here. I am proud to be a part of such a great organization as ours. What a sad world this would be if there were no music. Music comes from our heart and our soul and brings enjoyment to us and the many people who listen to us play. We bring many smiles and memories back to our listeners. I hope you are as proud as I am to be a member of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association.

I want to thank Mark Ratzlaff and the gang in District six for hosting our state meeting on January 12th in Springfield. The meeting will be at 10:00 at the Willamalane Senior Center. We'll hope the weather allows as many as possible to be there for the state meeting, the pot luck and the jam that follows.

At this meeting I'll appoint a nominating committee chairman from our board of directors. And then we must focus on getting our officers for next year. The election will be at our annual meeting which is held at our state convention in March in Roseburg. For sure we need to nominate and elect a new state president and a new state vice-president. Lew and I both have served our two years and are not eligible to serve again. It is a very rewarding experience to serve as your president. I want to encourage you not to fear the job. Should you be elected, there are many out there who are willing to help.

By the time you read this, we will have enjoyed the Thanksgiving Holidays and the joy that it brings us as we have given thanks for our blessings. Now we turn to the Christmas season. Many of us are bringing out the Christmas tunes so we can play them in nursing homes, senior housing or where ever we are ask to play.

Ken and I want to wish the best from our family to you and your family. May your Christmas be a happy and joyful one. And let's ring out the old year and look forward to a HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYBODY.  
Sally Jordan, President, Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association

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From the editor:

Mark Carmickle reserved September 12-13- and 14, 2002 for our campout next year at 1000 Trails.  
Mark your calendars.

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New members for December

1. Nyla Allen--Vancouver, Wash
2. Lillian & Dale Nelson Greenberg---Woodburn
3. Dianna & Jim Pursley---Banks
4. Carol & Jack Dorfler---LaPine
5. Timothy & Cynthia Crosby---Salem
6. Bob & LuAnne Ritts---Salem
7. Jim & Jo Hockenhuill---Sheridan



11. Ella Cross---Jacksonville
12. John & Jeri Schindler---Klamath Falls
13. Zane & Phyllis Coffin---Elmira
14. Judie Eads---Cottage Grove
15. Elliott Preston---Dexter
16. Tom & Claire Hekker---Portland

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Ace has many good videos of Oregon fiddlers. He is offering copies of each one @ \$15 which includes postage. Contact Ace for more information. Ace Wehus 1024 S. Elm Court Canby, OR 97013 503-266-4144 Every video that you buy and enjoy, he can send out more to the elementary schools in Oregon.

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You are invited to take a look at the web site for "Swing Time" a group of Oregon Old Time Fiddlers and friends [www.oregonswingtime.com](http://www.oregonswingtime.com) Just recently they came out with their second CD. If you are interested, please contact George Tavevs, Norman Nash, Ella Opdal or me. One CD is \$12.00.

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Some things never change! (A follow up note after my recent comment about Carl Van Hooser)

Carl Van Hooser used to give haircuts and play his fiddle at the Warwick Campout. Now Carl is 90 years old and gives haircuts and plays the fiddle for his neighbors in Yuma, AZ. where he has lived for the past 17 years.

I have the privilege of being one of Uncle Carl's neighbors during the snowbird migration. He is responsible for getting me to start playing and I really enjoy our afternoon sessions by the fence trying to learn his tunes and style.

Dale Beard

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Myrtle Arnold, our state membership chairman, wants to remind the district membership chairmen to prorate the membership for the remainder of the year for new members -- Dec. 1 \$1.25 plus \$15 for 2002. Of course -- just \$15.00 for 2002.

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If you mail your membership renewals to your district chairperson, please include the following information --

Name/spouse name

Mailing Address

Phone number

E-mail address

Children living in the home

. . . . and a check made out to OOTFA for \$15.00.

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Esther Snider and I are still pushing the Tapioca CD and tapes. One third of the profit goes to the American Cancer Society, one third to OOTFA and the other third to pay for the making of the CDs.

Also, I have been selling CDs/tapes made by Howard "Rusty" Marshall, who visited us from Missouri last April, Charlie Gibson's CD, Swing Time's CD and Andy Shelton's CD. Please contact me if you are interested in any of the CDs or tapes.

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I would like to share a little story with you. In 1986 I wrote the following in a letter to my mother:

March 8, 1986

Dear Mom,

It is almost bed time on a Saturday evening -- exactly 10:00 -- but thought I would write you a note while I rested. Today turned out much differently than we had planned. After breakfast we straightened up and I

About 4:30 Alice suggested that we leave but the lady insisted that we stay for supper. We had deep friend shrimp and sturgeon. It was good -- and then we topped it off with strawberries and ice-cream. We left about 8:15. The new friend is a good fiddler, his wife plays the piano and they have a lot of antiques in their house so that made it interesting, too.

Would like to guess who the couple was? It was the beginning of a friendship that we have enjoyed many times over the years. It was Hollis and Carol Real who lived in North Bend at that time -- on the coast -- as we did then. I can remember being sad when they moved to Bend. "How could anybody move away and leave their friends?" And then a few years later we moved to Salem. There comes a time when we make those changes -- leave our friends -- to make new ones.

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Another story -- this afternoon at our district 8 jam I saw a older man sitting on a bench. He seemed to be enjoying our music. Later I sat on the bench to take some notes. A young lady was then sitting by the man. After we had exchanged greetings, I asked her why a young person would be here enjoying the old time music. She said that when she was young that the family would gather around her grandfather who was playing a washtub bass and that they would have their little Hootenanny singing folk tunes so she has always enjoyed old time music. Later this fascinating young lady took her grandfather's arm and they left the hall. He is, indeed, a fortunate grandfather to have such a grand daughter. She told me that her grandfather had recently moved to Willamina from Madras and was pleased to hear that there was fiddle music near by. As the young lady and I visited, I found out that she was a French teacher in my "home town" (Dallas) and that we went to the same college. I am glad that I visited with her.

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I can not over stress paying your membership dues for 2002. I would be willing to bet that next spring somebody will call me up and complain that they did not receive their Hoedowner or that we left their name out of the Roster. And, it will be true -- they did not receive their Hoedowner and their name wasn't in the new roster BECAUSE they didn't pay their dues.

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Did you enjoy reading the district 3 news as much as I did? What a positive article! Kind of melts the old heart!

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December always brings a bump in the road for the reporters for the Hoedowner. The printer shuts down the week between Christmas and New Years. We have two choices -- one is to get our news in early and have the Hoedowner printed before Christmas so we can receive it by Jan. 1 or we can have it printed the week after Jan. 1 and then receive it a week later in January. Our membership has expressed a desire to receive it at the regular time -- so "reporters" I need your news early. I will send it to Cheryl the evening of the 16th. So if you have a jam that day, e-mail your news early that evening and I can get it in. I'll email you reporters to remind you or if the dates need to be changed. I want to, also, remind the district chairman to get your news to the reporters early, too. Thanks everybody.

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.  
Lew Holt, Editor